(b) No, Sir. Only a certain number of level crossings where there is meager/no traffic or traffic can be diverted through nearby level crossing/ bridges, have been identified for closure.

(c) State Government authorities are regularly approached by Railways for their consent for closure of such level crossings. Only on receipt of the consent and after obtaining the approval of Commissioner for Railway Safety such level crossings are closed.

(d) and (e) No, Sir. However, a Writ Petition (Civil No. 162 of 2001) has been filed before Hon'ble Supreme Court by Consumer Education and Research Centre (CERC), Ahmedabad, seeking *inter-alia* a direction to the respondent Union of India through the Ministry of Railways for immediate conversion of the unmanned level crossings into manned level crossings.

**Construction of FCI godowns**

*71. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of financial allocation and present capacity of godowns of FCI in different parts of the country;

(b) the number of godowns proposed to be constructed in the country during the years 2004-05 and 2005-06, State-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) The financial allocation made to the FCI for construction of storage godowns and related infrastructure for the year 2004-05 (RE) and 2005-06 (BE) are Rs. 5.66 crore and Rs.14.45 crore respectively.

The Food Corporation of India (FCI) has a total storage capacity of 256.22 lakh tonnes all over the country as on 31.12.2004. The State-wise details are given in the Statement-I (*See* below).

(b) Storage capacity to the tune of 93,600 tonnes and 39,500 tonnes is likely to be created by the FCI during the year 2004-05 and 2005-06 respectively. The State-wise details are given in Statement-II (*See* below).

(c) Construction works are already in progress in as many as 14 centres and storage capacity to the tune of 88,600 tonnes has already been constructed during the year 2004-05 (upto January, 2005). The balance capacity targeted for the year 2004-05 is likely to be constructed by 31st March, 2005.

***Statement I***

*Existing Storage Capacity with FCI as on 31.12.2004*

(Capacity in lakh tonnes)

| Sl. No. | Zone/Region | Covered | | | Cap (Open) | | | Total Storage Capacity |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | FCI owned | Hired | Total | FCI Owned | Hired | Total | |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| NORTH ZONE | | | | | | | | |
| 1. | Delhi | 3.36 | - | 3.36 | 0.34 | - | 0.34 | 3.70 |
| 2. | Haryana | 7.70 | 12.21 | 19.91 | 3.47 | - | 3.47 | 23.38 |
| 3. | Himachal Pradesh | 0.13 | 0.13 | 0.26 | - | - | - | 0.26 |
| 4. | J&K | 0.83 | 0.20 | - | - | - | - | 1.03 |
| 5. | Punjab | 21.84 | 42.68 | 64.52 | 6.37 | 6.24 | 12.60 | 77.13 |
| 6. | Chandigarh | 0.40 | 0.55 | 0.95 | 0.08 | - | 0.08 | 1.03 |
| 7. | Rajasthan | 7.06 | 0.31 | 7.37 | 1.59 | 0.19 | 1.78 | 9.15 |
| 8. | Uttar Pradesh | 14.96 | 5.93 | 20.89 | 4.19 | - | 4.19 | 25.08 |
| 9. | Uttaranchal | 0.66 | 0.80 | 1.46 | 0.09 | 0.07 | 0.16 | 1.62 |
| SOUTH ZONE | | | | | | | | |
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | 12.58 | 18.47 | 31.05 | 1.97 | - | 1.97 | 33.02 |
| 2. | Kerala | 5.25 | - | 5.25 | 0.21 | - | 0.21 | 5.46 |
| 3. | Karnataka | 3.58 | 1.14 | 4.72 | 1.54 | - | 1.54 | 6.26 |
| 4. | Tamil Nadu | 5.82 | 1.14 | 6.96 | 0.65 | - | 0.65 | 7.61 |
| 5. | Pondicherry | 0.42 | - | 0.42 | - | - | - | 0.42 |
| EAST ZONE | | | | | | | | |
| 1. | Bihar | 3.66 | 1.23 | 4.89 | - | - | - | 4.89 |
| 2. | Jharkhand | 0.66 | 0.44 | 1.10 | - | - | - | 1.10 |
| 3. | Orissa | 2.93 | 3.01 | 5.94 | - | - | - | 5.94 |
| 4. | West Bengal | 8.64 | 1.78 | 10.42 | - | - | - | 10.42 |
| 5. | Sikkim | 0.10 | 0.01 | 0.11 | - | - | - | 0.11 |
| WEST ZONE | | | | | | | | |
| 1. | Gujarat | 4.90 | 0.41 | 5.31 | 0.39 | 0.09 | 0.48 | 5.79 |
| 2. | Maharashtra | 11.77 | 2.84 | 14.61 | 1.26 | - | 1.26 | 15.87 |
| 3. | Goa | 0.15 | - | 0.15 | - | - | - | 0.15 |
| 4. | Madhya Pradesh | 3.37 | 1.65 | 5.02 | 0.37 | - | 0.37 | 5.39 |
| 5. | Chhattisgarh | 4.99 | 2.59 | 7.58 | 0.05 | - | 0.05 | 7.63 |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| NE ZONE | | | | | | | | |
| 1. | Assam | 1.99 | 0.53 | 2.52 | - | - | - | 2.52 |
| 2. | Arunachal Pradesh | 0.18 | - | 0.18 | - | - | - | 0.18 |
| 3. | Meghalaya | 0.14 | 0.05 | 0.19 | - | - | - | 0.19 |
| 4. | Mizoram | 0.17 | 0.01 | 0.18 | - | - | - | 0.18 |
| 5. | Tripura | 0.19 | 0.05 | 0.24 | - | - | - | 0.24 |
| 6. | Manipur | 0.18 | 0.02 | 0.20 | - | - | - | 0.20 |
| 7. | Nagaland | 0.17 | 0.10 | 0.27 | - | - | - | 0.27 |
| | **Grand Total** | **128.78** | **98.28** | **227.06** | **22.67** | **6.59** | **29.16** | **256.22** |

**Statement II**

*The capacity proposed to be created during 2004-05 and 2005-06*

(Capacity in tonnes)

| Sl.No. | Centre | Year | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
| NORTH ZONE | | | |
| 1. | Badgam | | 2,500 |
| 2. | Leh | | 10,000 |
| 3. | Sirsa | 10,000 | |
| 4. | Vyasnagar | 13,340 | |
| 5. | Kupwara | | 5,000 |
| 6. | Keylong | | 2,500 |
| SOUTH ZONE | | | |
| 1. | Nellore-Ph II & III | 15,000 | |
| 2. | Salem | | 6,600 |
| 3. | Koppal | 10,000 | |
| 4. | Tumkur | 5,000 | 10,000 |
| WEST ZONE | | | |
| 1. | Manmad | 11,820 | |
| 2. | Godhra | 10,000 | |
| 3. | Tilda | 13,340 | |
| EAST ZONE | | | |
| | - | - | - |
| NORTH EAST ZONE | | | |
| 1. | Silchar | 2,500 | |
| 2. | Lungtei | | 2,900 |
| 3. | Dimapur | 2,500 | |
| | **Total** | **93,600** | **39,500** |